



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Declaration Not Accompanying Application)

JOS KOBUSSEN, JAAP KOBUSSEN, MART KOBUSSEN, and VINCENT LOUIS BASILE II, declare that they are citizens of the United States and The Netherlands, and residents of the City of Indianola, La Veghel, and West Des Moines and the State of Iowa and country of The Netherlands with post office addresses of 875 Pierce Street, Indianola, Iowa 50125; Logtenburg 1, La Veghel, Netherlands; 875 Pierce Street, Indianola, Iowa 50125 and 233 24th Street, West Des Moines, Iowa 50265, respectively; that on October 30, 1997, they filed Application Serial No. 08/960,083 in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, that they verily believe themselves to be the original, first and joint inventors of the improvements in a METHOD AND MEANS FOR MAKING COEXTRUDED SAUSAGE STRANDS described and claimed in the specification of said application for patent; that they do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before their invention thereof or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before their invention thereof, or more than one year prior to this application, or in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application; that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by them or their legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to this application that they have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in the oath or declaration; that they acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to them to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations 1.56(a); and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed by them, their legal representative or assigns in any country foreign to the United States of America except as identified below. None.

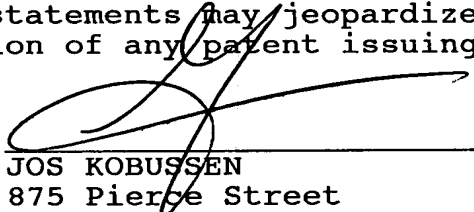
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3667, our attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent Office connected therewith.

The undersigned petitioners further declare that all statements made herein of their own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application of any patent issuing thereon.


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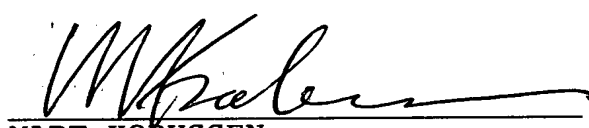
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